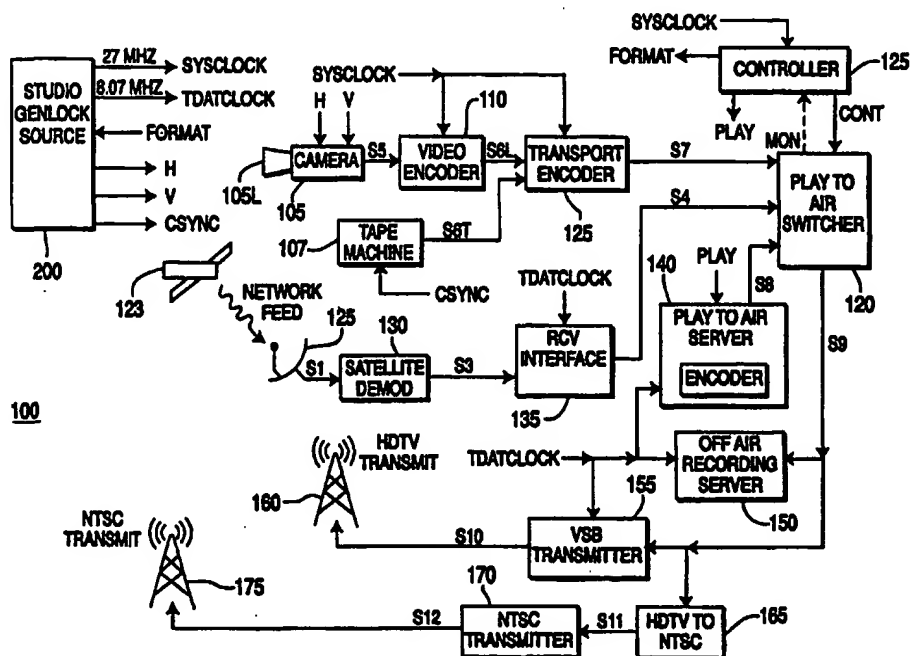




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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for splicing a first information stream into a second information stream to produce an output information stream containing compressed digital data. The first and second information streams (54, 57) are synchronized using a common timing reference (200), thereby avoiding temporal discontinuity errors in an information stream decoder.